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PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, . . .

PRESIDENT: Excuse me Senator Chambers. I'd like to remind you again we're still under Call.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: First of all, may I move to raise the Call?

PRESIDENT: Yes, thank you that was the purpose of it. Record your vote. Record. Record Vince.

CLERK: 39 ayes to raise the Call.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. Your time starts now Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Barnett now you're excused and you don't have to listen to me. I'm just kidding. It doesn't look like this bill has any way to move off General File other than by adopting an amendment such as the one offered by Senator Barnett, so I would support it. Perhaps there might be a chance on Select File to do something with the bill again. With reference to what Senator Warner said, I'm one of those who criticizes various members in this body very strongly when I observe certain lobbyists getting to them and then their votes change. I'll always do that. To make perfectly clear what I said is that the Governor, comes here, who is not a part of this body, who can say what he wants to say and get out of here, so to speak he can sit and get. Yet nobody in this Legislature can go to the executive office and call a press conference over there and take advantage of the Governor's position like he can come to this Legislature and take advantage of this body. When I talk about the dignity of the Legislature it's as opposed to its being trampled on by the Governor. Now anybody in this body, in this assembly, can say what he pleases or get away with saying. Then if somebody takes offense that individual has the opportunity to stand up at that point and counteract it. Who can speak against the Governor? There is an attempt to prevent me from responding to his remarks. Senator Warner, when I think that special interest groups are having an undue or inordinate influence on the course of legislation I for one am going to strongly say it. If I can find the names of the individuals who are exerting this power I'm going to say it and anything else that I feel is appropriate for me to say and deal with I'm going to do it. There is no individual, there are no collection of individuals who can make me back up one iota from what I believe I ought to say. I'll say this, if there are men in this body who are so mickey mouse that somebody raising his voice or looking with an ugly face and pointing a finger can make that individual shut up that individual doesn't belong in this body. This is not a friendly discussion group. We are here dealing with very difficult